December 28, 1931.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
Presbyterian Building,
150 Fourth Avenue, N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

Thank you for your letter of December 23rd. You certainly encouraged me very much. I do not know just what I will do relative to continuing in this position. It will depend somewhat upon the attitude of the directors who are to meet January 5th. I am not zealous to continue in the place and yet I would not desert them if they need me. I have grown very fond of you in the contacts we have had and I hope the editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN whoever he is will maintain the same cordial relation.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

WCR*E

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JAS. E. CLARKE, EDITOR
JAMES V. CLARKE, MANAGING EDITOR

December 23rd, 1931

Dr. William Courtland Robinson,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of December 21 is just received and, of course, I will hold in confidence what you have to say about your own relation to the paper. However, if I knew any of your directors (probably I know some of the men, but do not know they are directors) I would be tempted to write to some such person and say a thing which I will now say directly to you.

It is my personal opinion that, from the viewpoint of The Presbyterian, it would be a grave mistake for you to retire from the editorship at present. It is quite possible that you feel -- even that somebody else feels -- that the paper has gone backward under your editorial guidance for the reason that it has lost subscriptions (I am merely assuming such a loss, for I do not know it to be true). However, you men should know that every denominational paper in the country has been losing very heavily for the last eighteen months. I am in right close touch with most of them. I am responsible for the program for the next meeting of the Editorial Council of the Religious Press, and I know whereof I speak

You have no reason to feel that you are to blame if subscriptions have dropped off, for if the blame rests upon an editor alone, then all of us are equally to blame. It is due to certain general conditions.

On the other hand, I have had a number of strong men in the church -- men who were quite emphatically opposed to the attitude assumed by The Presbyterian in former years -- say to me that they have come to have a new respect for that paper under your editorial guidance. They discover a true Christian spirit, and it was the opposite spirit -- rather than the conservative theological views -- which caused their former feeling. If I were a director of your company I would certainly say that in times like these the best asset a paper can have is the confidence of the people in its spirit.

I appreciate very much what you say about my frankness. I try to be frank always. I take issue with brethren frankly when I do not agree with them; I try to do everything in the open and, especially in view of your own problems, I am very glad that you know that always I have stood very firmly for the faith that the good of the church requires at least one conservative weekly paper. However, I have never been able to see why a paper could not permit the presentation of both conservative and progressive views, editorially maintaining whichever attitude seemed best.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Jas. E Clarke

JEC:RD

Many Happy returns. I think your Editorials are the best I've ever seen.
Jack

Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church

Germantown and Mt. Pleasant Avenues, Philadelphia

Christmas Calendar==1931

I take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Happy Christmas. If happiness depends upon what we have, our cup should run over.

We have an all-sufficient Saviour Who meets every need and Who satisfies every Spiritual desire. We have a loyal Congregation whose members preach the Gospel by precept and example. Our Trustees have guided our financial affairs through troublesome times with keen foresight and sound business judgment, so that in a year of unprecedented depression they have completed and successfully financed our beautiful new building. Our Session has nurtured tenderly the Spiritual life of the Church. The Officers, Teachers and Membership have combined to make ours one of the really great Sunday Schools. From the Cradle Roll and the Nursery Department to the wonderful Classes of Women and Men there is a well-balanced School.

All praise must be given to our Women's Societies; to our Christian Endeavorers; to our groups of girls and boys and to those who serve in the Ministry of Music. It is a joy to be the pastor of such a Church. You have borne me up on the wings of prayer and have upheld me on every side. My best wish is that you may share the great happiness that is in my heart.

Merry Christmas to All!

Your Pastor,

JOHN CALHOUN.

Sunday, December 20th, 1931

Order of Worship

Morning Service--Eleven O'Clock

PRELUDE—"Christmas Pastorale" .....Harker
DOXOLOGY
CALL TO WORSHIP
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
PSALTER 42
CHORALE—"Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light".....Bach
HYMN 170
SCRIPTURE—Luke 2.
GLORIA AND APOSTLES' CREED
ANTHEM—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night".....Martin
PRAYER
HYMN 178 (St. Louis)
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Then Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob"
Mendelssohn
SERMON—**"The Universal Broadcast."** Luke 2:17. Dr. Calhoun
CAROL—"O Bethlehem" ..... Spanish
HYMN 173
BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER
CARILLON
POSTLUDE—"Hallelujah Chorus" ..... Handel

Evening Service--Eight O'Clock

PRELUDE—"Gesu Bambino" ..... Yon
CAROL—"Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep" .....Besanion
HYMN 174
PSALTER 43
ANTHEM—"O Holy Night" (by request) .....Adam
SCRIPTURE—Matt. 2.
PRAYER
CAROL—"In a Stable Mean and Lowly" .....Corsican
HYMN 171
OFFERTORY CAROL—"When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest" .....English
SERMON—**"And He Called His Name Jesus."** Matt. 1:25.
Dr. Calhoun
CAROL—"Sleep My Jesus, Sleep" .....Dutch
HYMN 181
BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER
CARILLON
POSTLUDE—"March for a Church Festival".....Best

The Sunday School observes its Christmas Celbration this morning. All departments meet together. There are special features by the different sections and Rev. Harold McAfee Robinson, D. D. will address the assembly. The offering is for the Presbyterian Orphanage.

The 17th Birthday Party of the Men's Bible Class last Sunday night was a great success. In spite of the rain there were 658 present. This Class though young in years is a giant in size and achievement.

Christmas Anthems and Christmas Hymns are being sung today at both services. Miss Gill and the Choir are rendering five anthems that have never been heard before in our Church. There are some Christmas anthems that can bear repeating every year and we are to have several of the old favorites.

Items of Interest

The Women's Bible Class is breaking records so frequently that it is getting to be a habit. We have to search the dictionary for new adjectives to describe this wonderful organization. Miss Pruit's lessons are greatly enjoyed and under the leadership of Mrs. Freed the activities are not permitted to lag. The attendance last Sunday was 134. The Men's Orchestra furnished the music which was greatly appreciated.

The following young men are acting under Mr. James Frazer as ushers today: North Aisle—Wm. G. Silbert, Jr. and Wm. J. Brown; Center Aisle—Charles Cantley and George D. Root; South Aisle—William Wilkinson and Elwood Faltermayer.

The Young People's C. E. and the **Intermediate C. E.** are having Christmas meetings tonight, and the members are bringing their gifts for Christmas baskets.

The Senior C. E. also meets at 7 P. M. tonight, and the leaders will be Miss Helen Linton and Miss Mildred Bruen.

The Primary Department will hold its Christmas party in the Primary room on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Wm. F. Fischer will show moving pictures, Mrs. Cutshall will recite Christmas stories, the children will have recitations and singing and gifts of candy and toys will be distributed to the members of the department. Parents and friends are invited. Miss Irene Mildred Wright is the Superintendent.

The Beginners, Miss Margaret Hay, Superintendent, will hold their Christmas party in their room **on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 3 o'clock.** The entertainment will consist of games, pictures, etc. Toys and candy will be distributed. Members of the families and friends are invited.

The Christmas Decorations in the Church are under the supervision of the young men to whom we extend our thanks.

Christmas Carols will be sung on Christmas Eve by the Christian Endeavorers. They will meet at the Manse at midnight. Please hand in the names of any Shut-ins who would welcome their carols.

White Gifts for the King. A new Christmas plan is taking the place of the usual Sunday School entertainment this year. A pageant, "White Gifts for the King" will be presented on the evening of December 23rd for all the members of the Sunday School. About 60 people, old and young (members of our Church and Sunday School), have given their time, thought and ability toward making this a success. They are trying to perfect every detail so that you in the audience will indeed journey with the shepherds, the wise men and the pilgrims to Bethlehem and with them be ready to give your choicest gift to your King. Sunday night, December 27th, the pageant will be repeated for the entire Church. Miss Frances Cranmer has charge of the setting and costumes and Mrs. Pfizenmaier directs the chorus.

Miss Geneva Gentel makes the following announcement for the Young People's Council: "The Essay Contest will be continued until December 20th. The topic is "Building for the Future" and the minimum length is 400 words. Send your paper to the Church Office and try to win one of the two cash prizes offered for the best two essays."

If you are interested in helping in Intermediate C. E. work, will you see Mrs. Silbert?

The following extract is taken from a recent issue of the monthly bulletin of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in West Philadelphia, Rev. Abram M. Long, Ph.D., pastor:

"The Session with great reluctance have dismissed to the Mount Airy Presbyterian Church Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been members of this Church since December, 1923, and have taken an active part in Christian work. For years Mr. Miller ably taught the McAllister Bible Class and in 1928 was asked to become teacher of the Bible Union. In that year also he was elected Clerk of Session."

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who live at 7113 Boyer street, have handed in their letters and are entering actively into our Church work. We give them a hearty welcome.

Kingston O. Dec 21/31.

Dear Doctor Robinson.

Have just rec'd this. Are they making fun of Christ. "His tiny hands stretched out" etc. "The hard & rough controls of the world"! Ah yes, the world w'd be glad to control. It is certainly sad to see timid Christians, letting the card-players control, only too often.

The article on The Virgin Birth was grand. Elder Frank Sharp, waited after church to shake hands. The Pastor called on me for closing prayer, alluding briefly to the Virgin Birth, Ruling Elder did not see. I said "If you will read the Bible you will know. Just see how he puts it. "Is it a sin to have children"? The Pastor preached once on Samuel & his mother. He told me Sharp did not believe in the record about Hannah! I raised my voice & exclaimed "unless the men of the world see that we have something they have not, they will not come to Christ".

Big suppers "Elder Yaple don't you think thanks shd be given at 1st table? Well yes. You come, here 2 tickets & say Grace. I did so. But the din of the world was too great for any religious. I told him how Paul in the storm on the way to Rome did, & especially Christ giving thanks. M.E. Ch no prayer meeting, & begin to eat with no recognition of the Giver of every good & perfect Gift. As Ever yours

D. L. Chapin.

THE LEAGUE FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The General Council of the
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(Died, August 19, 1929)

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Every Member Canvass Department:
Herman C. Weber, D.D., Director.

156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

December 16, 1931.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

My dear Fellow Member:

We are permitted to add another one of the beautiful anniversaries of the Christ-Child's coming to our Christian experience. We think together of how His tiny hands reached out and grasped the hard and rough controls of the world.

The thought gives us courage to stretch out our faltering strength through our spirit of intercession to direct in the only way which is still left to many of us, the course of this world. You will be pleased to know that Dr. Kerr, retired moderator, who is chairman of a committee specially charged with Spiritual Emphasis throughout the Church, instantly and almost eagerly reacted to our last Prayer Bulletin with the suggestion that the League be marshalled behind his important responsibilities.

Let us pray, Brethren, over this Christmas season, not only for ourselves who have had long years of companionship with the Christ-Child, but for this Church of ours which He loves and which in His hand - and ONLY in His hand - can do its share toward bringing a better world order and the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Let us join heartily in our prayer for happiness and well-being - certainly in the spirit - for all of our many brothers.

With all good wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year,

Very sincerely,

Herman C. Weber

Herman C. Weber,
Acting Director.

December 23, 1931.

Rev. John Calhoun, D.D.,
Gtn. & Mt. Pleasant Aves.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Jack,

Thank you for the Christmas calendar and especially for that which you wrote on the top. That cheers my heart more than I can possibly tell you. I have had many commendatory letters but I think I cherish this one more than all the others.

I know I blunder much and I am constantly jabbed by somebody because I am too gentle. I cannot be otherwise in public print though I do not please some of my conservative friends. My own opinion is that the attacking crowd have gained very little for our cause. When you strike at an individual you transfer the debate from the principle to a person. I believe that is very poor policy. Representative Macfadden has gained nothing by hitting so viciously at President Hoover.

Here's wishing for you and your family the happiest of all Christmases and also expressing to you my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

WCR*E

1628 I St., S.E.,
Washington, D.C., Nov. 8, 1930.

Dear Robinson:

Enclosed you will find a sermon on the Fatherhood of God. Some time ago I preached it and one of our prominent ministers was present who told me it ought to be printed. If you consider it worthy of publication, you are welcome to it. If you can not use it, please let me know, and I'll send stamps for its return.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

George M. Cummings.

December 21, 1931.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
Presbyterian Advance,
150 Fourth Avenue, N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

I have your letters and have read them with great interest. I will submit the whole correspondence to the Directors of "The Presbyterian" and will return the article after the meeting.

I confess I do not quite understand the situation but Dr. Mudge told me that nothing would be done before the next General Assembly and he said further that he would heartily oppose discrimination between papers. His position was exactly the same as yours. I am of the opinion (which is only an opinion) that Mr. Schipp has other ideas. This opinion comes from a few words spoken here and there by different people. I am sure we will find the matter will work out satisfactorily. I certainly believe there is a place for two independent papers whose editors look from different points of view.

I want to tell you again that in all my dealings with you you have been frank and cordial and kindly. Being so "green" in the business myself I have appreciated your spirit more than I can tell you. I hope "The Advance" will be able to weather the gale in which we are caught. "The Presbyterian" needs an experienced editor younger than myself to carry on aggressively from its standpoint. I offered my resignation and am ready to step aside at any time but the Directors have asked me to continue. I do not know what the outcome of the January 5th meeting will be. I do know this, that your kindness and frankness will be made very clear for the Directors. If a new editor is secured I shall also tell him of your attitude toward us. This matter of my resignation is, of course, between us confidentially. It is purely voltary on my part as the Directors have been anxious for me to continue but I feel the need of one of greater experience in the position which I now hold. However, that issue is not settled.

Very cordially yours,

WCR*E

December 21, 1931.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
2248 Cumming Road,
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

Thank you very much for your Christmas greeting and also for the enclosed letter. I think the meeting January 5th will be, as you say, a very interesting and I think important one. I think our paper is having less trouble than many others but I also agree with you that we ought to have more competent and aggressive leadership. I am not sure that I can furnish that and hence, as I have told you, and at times am anxious to step aside if the right man can be secured. He should be young and have had some editorial experience. Whether there is such a man available I do not know.

The thought did come to my mind that Dr. Mark Matthews might do well in this position. Whatever we print of his is always commented upon most favorably by our readers. He has a reputation and is certainly aggressive though at times he turns aside just when you wish him to go forward. I know he is very anxious to get away from Seattle. His name is being urged upon the Central Church (Brooklyn) but when I preached there they told me they would not call him. I simply make that suggestion. I do not know whether he would consider it a moment or not but it might be better to get a younger man who would grow into the place.

I love the work in many of its aspects but have been greatly burdened with the financial situation. I want THE PRESBYTERIAN to continue and prosper and for that I am ready to make almost any sacrifice.

With thanks for your letter and with warm regards and Christmas Greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

WCR*E

JOHN D. CLARKE
34TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
NEW YORK

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MEMBER
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 19, 1931

Rev. W. C. Robinson
The Presbyterian
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dearly beloved Pastor:

Delighted to get your letter and know that you like the Christmas card.

I sent Reverend MacGinnes the usual check to help some of the needy in our church.

Thanks for the spirit prompting your suggestion on the "wet" and "dry" proposition. Like yourself, I believe my district is dry and it is my duty to faithfully represent the majority sentiment, but I do think the dry people are all "wet", as the saying goes, when they object to a referendum, for here is a quotation from three leaders showing their position a few years ago. I think they were right then, as they are wrong now. Would like a straight vote with the understanding that the loser would take his beating and back the majority vote for ten years.

The weather continues extremely pleasant here but I believe it unhealthy. I have had a cold that seems to have settled in my throat and bronchial tubes. Have been to the hospital for some ex-rays and expect the report today.

John Garner has long been my friend, in fact, has been most useful to me, and I further believe him the best of all the Democrats for Speaker, unless it be Crisp, fair and fearless.

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Wishing you and yours in all things well, and with greetings of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,

John D. Clarke

JOHN D. CLARKE

JDC:AEJ

Bishop Cannon spoke as follows:

"The real question, as I see it, is this. Has the time come for the Congress of the United States to give the people of the several States an opportunity to decide for themselves whether they desire this amendment to the Constitution? I know, of course, that there is a certain responsibility attaching upon the Congress of the United STates in submitting any proposition, a very grave responsibility, and yet it does seem to me that in view of the general trend of political thought in our day, whenever it becomes evident that a large percentage of the people desire an opportunity to express themselves upon a great question, the body in whose hands is committed the right to decide whether the people shall have that opportunity should at least divide the responsibility with the people as to the decision of that question. (page 13, Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings, April 16, 1914.)

Reverend Dinwiddie spoke as follows:

"What is Congress asked to do in relation to this proposed amendment? The answer is, we are simply asking Congress, under the provisions of the Constitution to submit to the people of the various States this amendment for their ratification or refection. As I take it, the report of this amendment, with the recommendation of this committee, and its ultimate passage by the Senate and the House, does not commit any individual senator to this proposition. He can vote, as a citizen of his State, as he chooses when it comes to a final decision on the question, when submitted to the various States for approval or rejection.

In other words, we are simply asking that Congress, under the terms of the Constitution, give the people a chance to vote on this proposition by a referendum through their State legislatures. Congress, therefore, is not asked to pass on the policy of prohibition or non-prohibition, license or no-license, (page 125, Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings, May 1, 1914.)

Mrs. Boole, then President of the W. C. T. U.of New York State, now National President and spokesman of that organization, spoke as follows:

"So I come, Mr. Chairman, representing the womanhood of the State of New York, as organized in the Womans Christian Temperance Union, and representing the allied forces that speak in favor of this resolution of more than a dozen organizations in the State, asking that you give to the Senate of the United States and through the Senate of the United States to the people of the States, the right to pass judgment upon the settling of this problem of the liquor traffic through am amendment to the National Constitution.(page 34, Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings, April 16, 1914.)

"The people have a right to be heard. All the people have a right to be heard. All the people have never had a chance to be heard and this proposed amendment will give them that chance. (page 13, House Judiciary Committee Hearings, December 11, 1913)

Later, in the Senate, Senator Sheppard who says now that he will not join in submitting to the people the proposed repeal of the 18th amendment, spoke as follows:

At the close of this debate we will have an opportunity to enable the States to exercise their highest function-the right to shape, alter and develop the Federal Constitution. They are the proper tribunal to decide the fate of this amendment. They compose the mightiest array of free Commonwealths united in a federated whole the world has ever seen. There are chapters in the history of each that add honor to American citizenship. If there is anything in the amendment subversive to their liberties and their welfare, they can be trusted to condemn it. Let not the Congress assume to judge for them. Let Congress discharge its preliminary task of submission and stand aside. Let it put in motion the referendum provided by the Nation's organic law-the method of amendment the States themselves established when they created the Constitution. Let the States perform the duty which remains the sole instance of their sovereighty over the Federal Government itself.

As I view the matter, the member of either branch of the American Congress who denies the power of amendment to the States, especially an amendment which vast numbers of the people desire the States to consider, violates the basic principles both of the Constitution and of popular government, repudiates the fundamental rights of the States and overturns the two most sacred privileges the people possess, the privileges of referendum and petition. (Congressional Record, 65th Congress, 1st session, July 30, 1917, page 5554)

2248 CUMMING ROAD
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

December 18, 1931

Dr. William C. Robinson
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

May I express my appreciation of the kindly and thorough way in which you answered my questions concerning Dr. Alexander and Dr. Macartney?

I believe the next meeting of the Board will be an extremely interesting one at which an aggressive and progressive policy will have to be adopted if we are to interest the strong leaders of the conservative party in the work which it is possible for The Presbyterian to do. I am sorry that I can not be there, but have written my views at some length to Dr. McEwan so that everyone present may know my thought on the subject. I am enclosing a proxy for the meeting so that my share of stock in the Publishing Company can be voted.

I am glad that Mr. Pew sent you such a good-size check and trust it will be a forerunner of the interest which he will take in the development of our magazine.

I am sending this to you with my Christmas card and my cordial good wishes that the Lord's

2248 CUMMING ROAD
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

richest blessing may rest upon you during the coming holiday season.

With warm regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

H. P. Crowell

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December 19, 1931.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
Presbyterian Advance,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

Yesterday I had communication with Dr. Mudge and he at once got in communication with Mr. Schipp. Either I misunderstood Dr. Downs entirely or he did not state the conditions as they are. Dr. Mudge said that Mr. Schipp, Dr. Foulkes and Brooks in charge of "The Presbyterian Magazine" met at Pittsburgh. Five representatives of the Boards of which Dr. Downs was not one were also present. They discussed "The Presbyterian Magazine". The Board representatives were in favor of abolishing it but the committee took no action and Dr. Mudge said nothing would be done before the next General Assembly.

He also stated that Mr. Schipp said the consolidation of "The Advance" and "The Banner" was "all off." I write this to correct my previous letter. I do not yet quite understand for Dr. Downs spoke I think plainly. He made no secret of it for there was a company about the table and I understood that he was present.

Very sincerely yours,

WCR*E

December 18, 1931.

Hon. John D. Clarke,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear John,

Received your cards with Christmas greetings and the even more cheerful and handsome face. You certainly select excellent cards each year.

We have been watching your actions with great interest. I noticed one paper said that you were the lone Republican who extended a hand to speaker Garner as he went to the speaker's chair. Just like you. You could no more withhold your spontaneous outburst of good feeling than you could avoid doing some other things. It is a fine trait. You gentlemen have certain severe problems and I am not sure as to what the outcome will be. Be awfully careful in any vote you may cast on the prohibition matter. Your district is "dry" as you well know. The "wet" sentiment has gained something there as it has throughout the Nation but the whole Nation yet is "dry".

I do not know whether you go up into the hills for Christmas or not. In any case, Mrs. Robinson and I wish you the best of all good things.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

We send you Christmas greetings and a sincere wish that 1932 will bring you your fair share of earth's choicest blessings.

We send you Christmas greetings and a sincere wish that 1932 will bring you your fair share of earth's choicest blessings.

A. Frank Lewis

December 17, 1931.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
The Presbyterian Advance,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

I was told yesterday by Francis Shunk Downs that the Council (or a committee thereof) had voted to discontinue "The Presbyterian Magazine" and that he was present at the meeting which was held, I think, in Pittsburgh last week. I do not know anything more about it than his remark to me. I have a letter received this morning from Dr. Mudge saying that at the meeting November 18th it was voted to continue the Magazine. Now, Dr. Mudge must have known of the meeting last week if it were held and I am certainly puzzled. Dr. Mudge stated that he was very anxious to have the Magazine stopped and he assured me, as you do, that this would mean no discrimination to either of them.

If the Magazine was stopped I am wondering what is to become of the subscription list which I understand amounted to 27,000 names which I think was small considering the effort and the price and various other things. There is no doubt but that religious papers are having a serious time. I noticed an article in The National Republic for December in which a Methodist minister makes comment on that fact and deplores it exceedingly. I think we must all stand as closely together as possible and help each other and I certainly from my experience with you am cordially anxious to do so. The weekly papers are the important ones in my humble judgment. Monthlies do not meet the need. I judged from the full page advertisement that you printed a week or two ago calling for $5.00 each from five thousand subscribers that you are having the same pressure we are having. I do not know whether we can weather the gale or not but as yet we are going.

With very cordial regards,

Yours sincerely,

WCR*E

REV. ROBERT L. CLARK, D. D.
NEW PARK, PENNA.
LOCK BOX 92

December 16-1931

Dear Doctor Robinson,

Enclosed please find an item for the Presbyterian.

I want to express my appreciation of what you wrote in the last issue of the Presbyterian as to Doctor Holt. Some years ago I had occasion to write the board of Ministerial Relief for information and counsel. My letter was referred to Dr. Holt and he arranged for an interview with me at this office in Philadelphia. I found him a Christian gentleman, courtious, patient, pains-taking, sympathetic, generous and kind. I shall never forget him.

You are a busy man and no reply is expected.

Very sincerely

R. L. Clark.

Temporary address
184 South 6th Street
Indiana, Pa.

December 15, 1931.

Rev. Dr. James E. Clarke,
Presbyterian Advance,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

Accept my sincere and hearty thanks for the letter and enclosures received yesterday. You certainly seem to play fair with me and THE PRESBYTERIAN.

In Pittsburgh last May it was intimated to me that just such a plan as was finally proposed to you, was in the mind of at least one of the Council. You may recall that I asked you and you gave the same answer that you give in this letter. I asked Dr. Mudge also and he disavowed any such intention on the part of the Council.

Of course, I would not publish what you sent -- but I hereby ask permission to submit your letters to our Directors who are to meet January 5th. I think it fair for them to know.

Very cordially yours,

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December 14, 1931.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
2248 Cumming Road,
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

I was so grateful to receive your letter this morning. I will pass the proxy over to Miss McKinney. I understand the meeting has been of necessity postponed until January 5th. Mr. Pew sent us $1,000.00 which was gratefully received and I wrote him a letter accordingly. I think the enlargement of the Board is a very wise and important step. It is not right that three or four men bear the whole burden as you and Mr. Harbison have been doing. I do not think we are losing ground but we are not gaining. Dr. McEwan did write me concerning the meeting and action from my resignation which was offered in good faith. I think I wrote you that to break off the first of next January would be almost impossible for me. If I continue through the summer, I think I should go until March 1, 1933. On the other hand , I am ready to step aside at any time this spring or summer that the Directors think they can do better.

As to Dr. Alexander and Dr. Macartney, I think Dr. Alexander is cordially with us. I have had three or four letters from him recently praising the paper very much indeed although making some criticisms. He hammers me just where you all do in that I am too mild. Perhaps, I am but I cannot change my nature and I ask the Lord to guide me every day. My opinion is that we establish the truth not so much by hard hitting as by persistent setting forth of the truth. I think Dr. Alexander is hard up for him. He wrote me that inheritance taxes and other things had taken up all their money and I know from my talk with him last spring that the dividends from the Jones and Laughlin Company have declined stupendously. He is very bitter against Princeton Seminary and I think with some cause but I think on the whole he is cordial in supporting THE PRESBYTERIAN though he has given no money. He is not a great money-giver anyway. Dr. Macartney is quite different. He said that the Directors had cut all conservative support from underneath them by

their treatment of Dr. Craig and he evidently is not in thorough sympathy with us. I have a suspicion which perhaps I ought not to utter that Macartney likes to have the center of the stage. He wants his articles printed in full and immediately and is quite exacting in that way. He could help us much if he would but I have seen no indication that he will. You understand these are simply opinions for which you asked. I would not want them to be spread abroad as coming from me.

The Mark Matthews article received wide notice and commendation. There is scarcely a day passes but I receive a commendatory letter from a great many whom I do not know. I notice that "The Advance" had a full page appeal for $25,000.00. Dr. Clarke told me last September that he never before had had such a struggle to keep going. I think "Christianity Today" is having a serious time to keep afloat. Mr. Barnhouse's paper "Revelation" is said to be prospering. It is beautifully gotten up and thoroughly Biblical. Whether its prosperity is substantial or not I cannot say. He is in a way a very marvelous man though you heard Dr. Hodge say that he was very hard to work with. I am so anxious to have THE PRESBYTERIAN continue and prosper that I am ready to do anything in my power, get out or stay on, or help by any method except financial for I am not fixed to do that. I appreciate what you good men have done and I hope that you will not get discouraged in well-doing.

Please accept my gratitude and cordial regard.

Yours very sincerely,

WOR*E

2248 CUMMING ROAD
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

December 11, 1931

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

As it is impossible for me to be present at the special meeting of the stockholders of The Presbyterian Publishing Company on December 18th, I am enclosing a proxy that as largea vote may be recorded as possible. It was understood,when this meeting was called, that it would be impossible for me to attend so no one will be disappointed.

I thoroughly enjoyed your letter of November 28th and all of the news that it contained. Ere this I am satisfied that either Dr. McEwan or Mr. Harbison has told you of the action of the Directors concerning yourself so that your mind will be clear on this point.

I naturally regret the character of the reply that you received from Dr. Alexander and Dr. Macartney in answer to your appeal for funds. Does their answer indicate the extent of their interest in The Presbyterian and their willingness to cooperate in tiding it over critical periods? I would like very much to get your re-

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action on this point and the conclusions that you draw.

Trusting that the approaching holiday period will be filled with cheer and blessing for you and yours, I remain

Yours very truly,

H. P. Crowell

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Kingston O. Dec. 11. 1931.

Rev. W. C. Robinson D.D.
Phila. Penn.

Very Dear Bro. When a very evangelical Elder, I think from Cleveland O, quietly remarked in Men's Bible Class in Circleville O. Bro Nigley does not believe in Virgin Birth, I could but recall the fine endorsement of Pres. Wishart when mod. in printed sermon. Rev. Coffin sent to Scotland. The Bro. of the Min. who had the Church Bro Nigley has, said from the Sacred Dispensation: There is no such thing as vicarious sacrifice: We were in the audience. We all know how our Gen. Assembly plans. We hope & pray our Moderator has undergone an essential change. Can it be possible that all the dear young people in Calvary ch. are being taught to deny Calvary. Just one lad-der long enough to reach from earth to Heaven & that is the Cross of our Divine Savior.

As Ever D. L. Chapin.

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December 11, 1931

The Rev. Samuel G. Craig, D. D.
1217 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reverend Sir:

On December 22 we plan to complete a most unique volume - "The Lutheran Hour." It brings in printed form the thirty-six addresses delivered by Dr. Walter A. Maier over the Lutheran Hour. In view of the nation-wide attention these addresses provoked, many of the readers of THE PRESBYTERIAN would undoubtedly appreciate having their attention called to this volume. The retail price will be $1.50. May we send you a copy for review purposes? Your prompt reply in the margin of this letter will be appreciated. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience in answering.

Cordially yours,

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December 13th 1931.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am not much of a "Religious Press Correspondent" but I do send you something once in a while, do I not?

Well here is something that I ground out today for our Sunday School. I never thought of using it for any other purpose but the boys of the School, who run a typewritten bulletin board newspaper called: "The Observer" asked me for a copy after I had read it to the school, with comments, and that put it into my mind to send it on to you. It may prove of interest to the readers of "The Presbyterian" and, if so, I will be content with having done my "good deed" if not daily, at least before Christmas!

With all good wishes, I am, as ever,

Yours Very Cordially, W. Carter

P.S. The emendations are the things I put in, in my comments, that had come to me after typing the page. Excuse the "hodge podge", but I know that "office copy" is not always immaculate!

December 11, 1931.

Mrs. B. O. Chapman,
728 Osceola Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

I have your letter and the copies of the November 12th issue will be mailed on Tuesday. We hold up a little because sending them with the other issues that go west on that day we save something in postage and we are at a point where every penny counts. We are very glad if THE PRESBYTERIAN has been helpful in any way.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

First Presbyterian Church
LeRoy C. Cooley, D. D., Pastor
Telephone 103
Cooperstown, North Dakota

December 7, 1931

The Editor

The Presbyterian

Dear Sir:

I would be glad to have you print the inclosed open letter.

Sincerely,

LeRoy C. Cooley

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Mr. W. C. Robinson
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2 7 Market St.
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December 9th 1931.

My dear Mr. Robinson,

Would it be possible to secure eight copies of the article, "The Field is the World", a report of the Foreign Mission Board which appeared in the November 26th issue of the Presbyterian? I desire the article for use in our Stewardship work that I may place a copy in the hands of each Presbyterial Secy. of Stewardship to use as a suggested subject of prayer in our Fellowship of Prayer among the Women in missionary Societies.

Yours

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The Fellowship of Prayer was started about a year ago by a few women in one of our churches and has been extended thru our Stewardship Secretaries so that several hundred women in the Synod are now enrolled.

One church has enlarged this Fellowship to include men, women, and young people too.

Thinking you might like some copies if you care to share same. Only the one page is necessary, which I can enclose in a letter.

Sincerely

Ethel C. Chapman.

Presbyterian Church

of Freeport, Pa.

Freeport, Pa., 192

Dear Bro:—

This is the first time I have written your paper relative to anything but my soul has been stirred, and my heart grieved by some recent developments. and the sermon by our beloved Dr Matthews. must be heard by our leaders. and given much publicity. I am printing it in my church Bulletin and sending it to friends and acquaintances.

If we do not turn to God. and seek a Revival of His grace and power, our churches will go down to defeat under the blasting forces of evil.

Sincerely Your brother

David MacMeekin Conn

This has been written in a great hurry as I have been preaching the word every night for the past two weeks— Please excuse any mistakes

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1931.

My dear Robinson:

Immediately after writing you last week my copy of *The Presbyterian* came with my article in it. Thank you very much for the extra copies.

I congratulate you on having a son able to write the Notes on the S. S. Lesson; they are very good for a young man.

I am glad you intend to print the sermon on the Fatherhood

of God. I can readily understand that you are flooded with articles. It is unreasonable for men to become impatient when their articles do not appear soon after they are sent in. Do not feel that I am in that class. Take your time with mine.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

George M. Cummings.

Declaration of an American Citizen

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has refused citizenship to Professor Douglas Clyde Macintosh on the ground that he was unwilling to promise to subject his conscience to an act of congress in the event of a war which he believed to be unjust and contrary to the will of God; and

WHEREAS, the ground upon which the court's decision rested was the alleged fact that every native-born citizen of the United States has impliedly made the identical promise which Mr. Macintosh refused to make, and that to admit Mr. Macintosh with such a reservation of conscience would give him a privileged status as a citizen in comparison with the status of native-born citizens; and

WHEREAS, the supreme court's decision, together with the argument on which it rests, affects not only an applicant for naturalization but every native-born citizen, whether he be willing or unwilling to bear arms in event of war, and lends itself to a justification of any form of tyranny over the free conscience of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the supreme court, referring to Professor Macintosh, says:

> "When he speaks of putting his allegiance to the will of God above his allegiance to the government, it is evident . . . that he means to make his own interpretation of the will of God the decisive test. . . . We are a Christian people. . . . But we are also a nation with the duty to survive, . . . a nation whose government must go forward upon the assumption . . . that unqualified allegiance to the nation and submission and obedience to the laws of the land, as well those made for war as those made for peace, are not inconsistent with the will of God;" and

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental principle of democray that conscience shall not be sacrified to the state, but that the state accepts the responsibility of so fashioning its policies that it will enlist the support of the free consciences of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, no principle contributes so much to the moral dignity and to the purifying and stabilizing of democracy as the guarantee of a free conscience to all its citizens and an unhindered right to worship and serve God according to the dictates of a free conscience; and

WHEREAS, in his dissenting opinion in this same case Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, with the concurrence of Justices Brandeis, Holmes and Stone, denied that the constitution and the oath of allegiance can rightly be made to bear the interpretation advanced by the majority of the court, and affirmed the contrary view as follows:

> "In the forum of conscience, duty to a moral power higher than the state has always been maintained. The reservation of that supreme obligation, as a matter of principle, would unquestionably be made by many of our conscientious and law abiding citizens. The essence of religion is belief in a relation to God involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation. . . . One cannot speak of religious liberty, with proper appreciation of its essential and historic signif-

icance, without assuming the existence of a belief in supreme allegiance to the will of God; and

WHEREAS, insofar as citizens assent to the doctrine advanced by the court's decision they consent to the nullification of the most basic principle of ethical religion, and surrender their own and the church's freedom to preach and practice that truth which is the vital breath of any spiritual faith, namely, that God alone is Lord of the conscience, and that we must obey God rather than men; and

WHEREAS, if native-born American citizens allow the imputation of such an obligation to pass without protest, they thereby acquiesce in a ruling which is not only, in the language of Chief Justice Hughes, "repugnant to the fundamental principle of representative government," but which radically modifies the spirit of our democracy and smothers spiritual religion by setting up the state as the supreme object of devotion beyond which religion dare not go; and

WHEREAS, it is required of citizens when entering upon public office, whether federal or state, and when applying for passports, and on many other occasions, to take the oath of allegiance which, under this decision, now implies the giving of an absolute pledge to hold their personal consciences in subservience to the will of congress as the final interpretation of the will of God; now

THEREFORE, I, a native-born citizen of the United States, solemnly refuse to acknowledge the obligation which the supreme court declares to be binding upon native-born citizens. I have not promised, expressly or tacitly, to accept an act of congress as the final interpretation of the will of God, and I will not do so. In my allegiance to my country I withhold nothing, not even my life. But I cannot give my conscience. That belongs to God. I repudiate the obligation which the supreme court's decision would impose upon me, and declare that the imposition of such an obligation is the essence of tyranny. I refuse to be bound by it.

I further solemnly declare that until this intolerable restriction upon conscience and religion has been removed I will not take the oath of allegiance upon any occasion without adding thereto a reservation of the right of conscience and of my supreme allegiance to the will of God.

And I further solemnly declare that I will use whatever influence is within my power, in my personal relations or in public address, to inform others and to awaken them to the peril in which this decision involves their traditional and most fundamental liberty, and I will do all that lies within my power to secure a reversal of this decision by the court itself or its correction through adequate legislation by congress.

(Signed) . . . . . .

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My dear Dr. Robinson:

I feel a burning in my bones to have the religious press of the nation do something together -- something that will demonstrate that we possess a common conviction in a vital realm and at the same time that we are capable of a great piece of teamwork. In this mood I have drawn up a statement expressing a protest against the conscience part of the Macintosh decision. Note that I say "conscience" aspect, for the Macintosh decision goes much deeper than the question of war.

It is my hope that this statement, or a stronger edition of it upon which we can agree, will appear in the religious press of the country in the first issue of January, 1932. It is my thought that the publication of this statement shall be accompanied by a vigorous editorial calling attention to the Declaration and calling upon the readers of the paper to sign it and get other signatures and send them to the editor. If this were done we could expect every minister in the country to preach on this subject in his pulpit and thereby awaken the conscience of the country by awakening the conscience of the church itself on a matter which lies very near the root of our religious liberty.

I had first thought of The Christian Century alone undertaking this enterprise, but as I reflected on it the enormous significance of teamwork on the part of the entire religious press of the country, so appealed to me that I could not be content with any single paper undertaking the task by itself.

After carefully reading the statement, will you write me your reaction to the proposal, telling me whether you will publish the Declaration and an accompanying editorial in the issue mentioned above? I am writing this letter to 40 or 50 -- and possibly more -- editors. I wish to assure you and all the rest that The Christian Century desires to stand on a complete equality with all other cooperating papers. We do not wish to have credit for the authorship of the Declaration, nor for any initiative in the matter, and I would ask as a favor that its appearance in your paper, if you are disposed to cooperate, should be referred to by you as an expression of the consensus of opinion of the editors of the religious press of the country.

I wonder if this proposal will not kindle in your mind something like the flame which has been kindled in my own. Do we not have here a Providential way in which to express our unity, to invest our journalism with increased significance and to meet one of the most sinister attacks upon spiritual religion as well as noble citizenship which has been delivered since the founding of our government?

Please let me have word from you as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Clayton Morrison
Editor, The Christian Century

December 5, 1931.

Rev. George M. Cummings,
1628 "T" Street, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Cummings:

I have your letter. Your sermon on "The Fatherhood of God" is carefully filed in a great pile of others to be printed at the first opportunity. I could fill a hundred pages each week. You be patient and I think we will find place for it. We have special numbers now and again which take out some opportunities.

The Sunday School Lessons are now written by my son without expense to the paper. I turned it over to him because he is giving Wednesday evening talks on the lesson and said he would like to prepare them. I had done it for so many years that I was glad to be relieved among the other things that have come. I do not know how long he will continue but when he finishes, I will take up the work again.

Yours most cordially,

WCR*E

1628 I St., S. E.,
Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, 1931.

My dear Robinson:

I was glad to receive your word some time ago that you were going to publish the communication which I sent you regarding the Sabbath. How about the sermon on the Fatherhood of God, which I sent you a long time ago?

I see that you are not now writing the Notes on the S. S. lessons. You may remember that soon after you became the editor of The

Presbyterian I wrote to you to ask that if ever you ceased to write these Notes, you would give me the opportunity. I do not know who the present writer is, but he is a good one. Of course you were privileged to secure anyone you chose. I do not feel aggrieved. I hope still to send you a brief article from time to time.

Wishing you every success with your paper, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

George M. Cummings.

T. STACY CAPERS, Minister
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Hollidaysburg, Pa.

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Dec. 3rd 1931.

Rev W. Courtland Robinson DD Editor,
The Presbyterian,

My Dear Dr Robinson,

Will you please publish the enclosed sketch of the life of Mrs Landis the wife of the late Judge Kenesaw Landis

You have been good enough to publish her poems occasionally and her family has read the Presbyterian for years & years. She had a host of friends in Philadelphia and throughout the state who will be interested in a sketch of her life.

Also will you please send me ten copies of the issue of the Presbyterian that carries the sketch, enclosing bill for same.

Respectfully yours

T. Stacy Capers

December 3, 1931.

Rev. L. J. Coats,
Clay City, Ind.

Dear Mr. Coats:

Accept my thanks for your encouraging word of November 30th. I can assure you that such testimonies from readers do me a vast amount of good and keep up my heart in moments of discouragement.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

Kingston O. Nov. 30 1931.

Dear Doctor Robinson,

Please pardon pencil. Fountain pen, may drop when writing. You were so kind in continuing my subscription one more year, I wish to send check 2 dollars for any good Pres. Minister who is evangelical & cannot now pay for the paper. Your excellent words upon "Smooth" reminds us of the little girl who wished to go out & play. Yes you should play only with the gentle the keys are rough. Well mamma if I find a real nice Smooth boy cannot I play with him? Horace Greely read a letter from a woman who said there she was in distressing straits. They had dried fares, donkey-parties, most marriages etc. Did he mention some dear so by which to keep the church alive? His own Take Religion? The enclosed was read by an influential pastor & highly commended. The wash basket-baker. As ever yours. Oh yes Dr Matthews article was given by Bro. Teague here last evening in his church.

Very Sincerely yours

H. L. Chapin.

November 28, 1931.

Mr. H. P. Crowell,
2248 Cumming Road,
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Crowell:

The arrival of your check brought great joy to this office. When I was taken on by the committee I understood that the business matters were not within my province. Very naturally I became deeply interested and not a little concerned. For the first time in my life I find myself in an enterprise that is not paying its way and I hardly know how to act. I wish we could bring matters to a more even basis for THE PRESBYTERIAN has been subsidized for nearly forty years but some of our old supporters have passed from us.

I have had no official notice as to the action of the directors relative to my resignation which was presented in good faith. Dr. McEwan did say a word to me privately that it was desired that I should continue for a time. I think I must set March 1, 1933 as the ultimate limit.

I hope that provision can be made to sustain us financially not only during the present depression but continuously for I think THE PRESBYTERIAN, under proper editorship, is most important for the Church. I think it is too bad that you and Mr. Harbison have had to bear so much of the financial burden and I think Mr. Harbison is not in a condition to do all that he would love to do. The $10,000 paid Dr. Craig crippled him and ultimately crippled us.

I am ready to step down and out at any time if the directors believe they have found the proper man except if I go through the next summer I will expect to be continued until March 1, 1933. I am sorry that I have so little time at the meetings to hear the talk of the directors. It would be very profitable to me and might bring me to a position where I can more fully carry out their desires. I know the general complaint about my mildness but I am positive that such a policy is not injuring the conservative cause. I have said some severe things and they went home largely because I do not say severe things all the time.

We are not alone among the papers and other good religious enterprises in our sufferings. I think "Christianity Today" is having a far harder time and every religious paper that I know except "The Christian Register" (Unitarian) is hav-

ing a struggle. Someone is backing "The Register" very generously.

I hope you may have a delightful winter and that your long Christian service will bring greater and greater joy. I was reading the life of A. C. Dixon in whose work you had a helpful part.

I am wondering if there is not some generous soul who can be added to our list of supporters. Mrs. Thaw and Mrs. Benedict (later Manson) poured out money very generously. Personally, I am not sufficiently acquainted with people of means to get support. I asked Maitland Alexander but he pleaded that they were very hard up. Dr. Macartney turned me down very sharply. My few attempts have not produced great results though I received a few small contributions. I am not a money-raiser though every church I have served has gotten on famously in finance. However, my real trust is in the Lord and I ask Him every day to give us sustenance for this old paper.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

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November 25, 1931

Dr. William Courtland Robinson,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your letter of November 20 is very much appreciated. Permit me to say that I think I have consistently maintained the attitude you evidently found in my letter to pastors. I have never been foolish enough to think that The Presbyterian Advance is -- if you can pardon slang -- "the only pebble on the baach." Nor have I ever been able to think that it is the only publication which could do Presbyterians any good.

My constant concern has been for the development of reader interest, so that the vital truths of the Kingdom might grip the hearts of the people. Of course you and I disagree, but certainly you and I do not disagree on the one essential thing, that it is spiritual union with Christ and that alone which means the development of spiritual life. I think I can truly say that my chief concern, like Paul's, is that Christ be preached, and I am never much disturbed about differences in our opinions. I readily and cordially grant to others the right to hold their own opinions and when I claim to be a "liberal" what I mean is that I insist upon the right to hold my opinion, instead of being compelled to yield to ecclesiastical authority. I believe in the authority of the Spirit rather than in the authority of the councils of men, and I believe that in that attitude I am in full accord with our Confession of Faith.

I assure you that I would welcome some way by which united effort might be made to get pastors and others to cooperate in the effort to get people to read some church paper. If, for instance, we could have the General Assembly back of a Church Paper Week, such as they have in the Southern Church, it would be of much great value. In their church the General Assembly actually cooperates with the independent weeklies. In our church it zealously competes with the independent weeklies by its efforts to push The Magazine. Yet, The Magazine, escellent as it is, does not hold subscribers any better than the weeklies.

While I would like to see united effort, I do not now see any way by which the three weeklies could very successfully cooperate without some such backing on the part of the Assembly. The difficulty is this: It is almost impossible to get field representatives who would fairly represent the three different periodicals. Such a field representative is almost sure (and one can hardly blame him) to emphasize that one out of which he would get the best commission.

While our underlying aim is one, I think you will realize that there is considerable difference in our appeal. We very frankly appeal to the progressive element in the church and you just as frankly appeal primarily to the conservative element, while The Banner, I think, makes its appeal very largely local -- Pittsburgh and vicinity.

It attempts to give an intensive service to a comparatively small area. We, on the other hand, attempt the far more extensive task of emphasizing church-wide news. Frankly, I do not know how to find the field men who would set forth effectively these somewhat different appeals without criticizing or seeming to criticize two papers every time he pushed one. That is the practical difficulty in the way. If you can suggest some way out I hope you will do so.

By the way, will you not try to plan to attend the next meeting of the editors of religious weeklies? I think it would be worth your while, for you would see how common is the problem which we face in our church.

Very sincerely yours,

Jas. E. Clarke

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November 20, 1931.

Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am a subscriber to your paper and have been for a long time. It comes to my home address, 815 23rd Avenue N.

My object in writing you at this time, is to ascertain certain statements which have come to me, regarding Dr. G. Campbell Morgan. I am told that he is a cigarette smooker, and, after his Sunday evening services, finds relaxation in reading the Sunday papers.

I was very much disturbed in this information, and as it came to me from a very reliable source, I am inclined to believe it.

I would be pleased to have your frank statement about these matters. It certainly places him in an undesirable position with me.

Sincerely yours,

N. Campbell

MOUNTAIN MEADOWS
SILVER BAY-ON-LAKE GEORGE
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Robinson -

I owe you an apology for not writing to you long ago about the books you asked me to review. I felt quite honored that you asked me and seriously thought I would make an attempt. But alas - I'm no writer. I wish I had such a gift for I love reading and books. Perhaps it was easy to postpone writing to you in the hope that I would tackle the job! Please forgive my unpardonable delay in returning to the office the books you so kindly had forwarded to me.

My husband and I have had six very happy months here on beautiful Lake Lenape. We are closing our cottage this week until Spring at least and hope to be in Philadelphia for a while. Perhaps we shall have the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Robinson some time. With our warm personal regards to you both -

Cordially yours.

Janet Galbraith Cratty

(Mrs. John M.)

November 22d.

November 24, 1931.

Mr. R. Campbell,
815 - 33rd Avenue, N.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Your letter relative to Dr. G. Campbell Morgan is in my hands. I know Dr. Morgan very well indeed. He has been a guest in our house and I rate him by far the greatest preacher in the English language today.

Dr. Morgan does smoke, but rarely. I think about once a day he smokes a cigar. I have been with him when he was on duty and off duty and I never saw him touch a cigarette. Indeed, I would feel unpleasant if he did for I hate the nasty things. I never spent but one Sunday with him though he spent one Sunday at my son's home and in neither case did he have the Sunday paper. I do not see how he can take time to read even after evening service for he usually takes the midnight train to Boston arriving there the next morning and must have to make some little preparation.

I think the reports you have heard are disseminated by some enemy of Dr. Morgan's. He is a man of God. He is opening up the Word. He is doing a tremendous work in this city and in Boston. Doubtless, he has his little faults. Of that I know nothing except in rather intimate association I have never discovered it. I hope your mind will be set at rest relative to the matters of which you spoke.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR"E

November 23, 1931.

Rev. Arthur B. Cooper,
Woodhull,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I have your letter of November 19th. The study which you speak of looks very interesting. I do not think enough attention has been paid to the small community church. I have been personally very much against them for I believe a church backed by a great denomination can do better work on the whole. I would like to see your article and when I see it can decide as to what I may do. I may say that we pay nothing for contributions of any kind as we are in serious financial stress.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

ARTHUR B. COOPER
PRESBYTERIAN MANSE
WOODHULL, ILL.

Nov. 19. 1931

Editor, The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir, For my own satisfaction I have been making a study of the Small Community Church. After a very analytical and rather exhaustive investigation of all our Presbyterian Churches, devoting much time and thought, I have classified all churches of 150 or less members into Groups A, B, C & D, with particular reference to professions for the year, local expenses, gifts to Boards, the number vacant, with installed pastors, designated supplies, hit and miss supplies, how many are Country Churches, how many are at obscure post offices, how many are subordinate to others at the same post office, and how many are the only Church of our Heavy at a post office, giving the average size of the towns in groups B & C.

Our minutes give no such data. I have never seen such a study. The data is quite an eye-opener to me and quite suggestive. Naturally I have some observations that touch on Church polity, Christian Stewardship, National Missions, Church Union, and small Community Church efficiency — and inefficiency.

I may say that during 6 years spent in the field for the Continent, another 6 years as a speaker and publication manager for the National Reform Association (1920-1926) and 30 years as a Presbyterian pastor I have had rather unusual opportunity to study Small Community problems in a practical way in at least 10 synods.

I am whipping the material into an article of about 2000 words. I am wondering if you would care to use it and on what basis. I am not new at writing.

I will be glad to hear from you soon.

Sincerely, Arthur B. Cooper.

Kingston O. Nov. [illegible]

Rev. W. E. Robinson D.D.
Phila. Penn.

Our Dear & True Brother;

The great Daily Columbus is the [illegible] who [illegible] have friends must show [illegible] of friends [illegible] and Bobbing, [illegible] is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Have just [illegible] the Gen. Assembly [illegible] from your city Social &c. 38 times the word social in it. Was it not Bro. Rev. Stilgie who harped along this line? P.S. God is the Father of all men the little children?! When [illegible] part that [illegible] in [illegible] Notes, I sent him a letter. [illegible] is there you [illegible] to [illegible] the sons of God. Then our Saviors words in Gospel of John, children of the Devil [illegible] in reply. But now a parlor to of answer. Ian McLaren was noted in many [illegible] a preacher. [illegible] is the greatest factor in the world. Why [illegible] of [illegible]

P. 20 & 29 [illegible] do not believe. Will it not be your privilege prayerfully [illegible] document?

[illegible] Phelps [illegible] Home [illegible] year [illegible]

He is Vice Pres. Bible Society! Compare our Divine [illegible] Benjamin!

Why not compare John Bunyan [illegible] Christ [illegible] Phelps [illegible] Birch. A fine writer compares Moses to Christ [illegible] compare Christ to Moses. No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men. We have said in the [illegible] grand the Hymn. All of Self & none of [illegible] Some of self & some of Thee Still later None of self & all of Thee Christ "all & in all" As Ever [illegible]

D. L. Chapin

Met B. C. Snowdon in Akron when pre[illegible] was dedicated. He had the Sermon. He read 37 one Sabbath.

November 20, 1931.

Rev. James E. Clarke, D.D.,
Presbyterian Building,
150 Fourth Avenue, N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Clarke:

The letter you have sent abroad to the pastors has come into my hand. I like it. We are all feeling the same thing very keenly. I do not know whether we can weather the gale or not. My personal contacts with you have been to me very delightful but doubtless we differ on a great many matters. I wish that "The Advance", "The Banner" and "The Presbyterian" could in some way join together in a push to gain subscribers throughout the churches. We represent three phases and I think are without great jealousy between each other. I do not know whether such a thing is practicable or not but I would like to have your reaction upon it.

Most sincerely yours,

WCR*E

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JAS. E. CLARKE, EDITOR
JAMES V. CLARKE, MANAGING EDITOR

November 16, 1931

Dear Fellow Minister:

I ask your earnest consideration of what I here write because we are fellow ministers. You aim at the extension of Christ's kingdom through the Presbyterian Church. So did I as a pastor and my motive has been and is the same as editor of a church periodical. Other editors of church papers have the same motive; hence I venture to speak for them as well as for myself.

All of us know that during recent years multitudes of church members, though true Christians, have been so absorbed in the pressing demands of the times that there has not been maintained that widespread knowledge of and intense interest in the work of the church which once prevailed. But I think you will agree that now the minds of many are turning to spiritual interests. I feel sure that now, by some patient, persistent effort, we can create new interest in the things of the kingdom and their promotion through our own church.

One sign of absorption in other interests is that Christian people have not been reading church papers and so maintaining an intelligent interest in church work. Were this true only of the paper I edit, I would know the fault was largely in me and I would quickly step aside. But, unfortunately, it is true of all periodicals in our own church and in all other denominations. Hence, the real reason must be lack of interest in what the church periodicals provide. Yet, just as you must deliver spiritual messages from the pulpit to be true to your mission, so must the church paper continue to be true to the interests of the kingdom.

I believe that now, by united effort, we can create a new reading habit which will result in more general information and quickened interest in the whole spiritual task which we, as leaders, have been called to further. Therefore I write to ask if you will not at this time put forth special effort to persuade your people not merely to take but faithfully to read some church periodical, for the sake of their own spiritual development and to help advance the kingdom.

Of course, I am eager to extend the usefulness of The Presbyterian Advance; but I would "seek first the kingdom." If you feel that some other paper would accomplish more if read by your people, well and good; but will you not at least try to persuade them to read regularly some church paper? They do not realize as you do how the paper helps to promote the solidarity of the church and a more intelligent interest. Most ministers say they would feel "lost" without a church weekly. Yet ministers alone are too few to support such a paper as we have without a doubling of subscription prices. Help will come directly to you in your great work if you can recreate the reading interest.

Of course, if you can consistently commend The Presbyterian Advance I will appreciate especially effort in that direction, for I want my own ministry and effort to count as widely and intensively as possible. Will you not give this subject prayerful consideration?

Fraternally yours,

Jas. E. Clarke

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rev. W. C. Robinson D.D.

Philadelphia Penn.

1217 Market

Street.

Kingston 8 Nov. 1931.

Dear Dr Robinson: In our brief note, I sh'd have alluded to the fine review of S. M's book. We read his "Spir. Interpretation of History", the second time. Prof. Keyser had our article in review printed in Reading Magazine. The sacred words of Christ, The foxes have hols &c = he makes, The foxes have holes, & the birds = but the sons of men have built to themselves cities! Is he alluding to the Tower of Babel? The review is comprehensive & very complete. Why does the Chautauqua of N. y. place unsoundness to the front?

As Ever yours

D. L. Chapin

W. COURTLAND ROBINSON, D.D.

EDITORIAL ROOMS

THE PRESBYTERIAN

1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

August 24, 1931.

Phrauer

Rev. William M. Carle, D.D.,
Twentynine Palms,
California.

Dear Dr. Carle:

I have your letter relative to your manuscript. I will search again and if possible return it to you. We are overwhelmed with material for publication and the article being long it might be a question whether we could find room for it but if you will send on a revised manuscript I will, of course, read it and do the best I can.

Very sincerely yours,

Editor.

W C Robinson

Twentynine Palms,Calif,11-10-1931.

Dear Bro. Robinson:

The manuscript referred to above has been prepared. I sent it to Bro. Matthews at Seattle,and he replied cmmending it heartily. I have written him to forward it to you. I f you find you cannot use it,kindly return it to me and I will remit postage.

If you should feel after reading my argument that it is conclusive for

all who wish to be guided by the Bible could you run it off in tract form and put it on sale? If you do not have office force to do this and could do the printing and advertising and send them to me for mailing I could attend to that part of the matter. Of course there might be no demand for it;how would it be to put a note at the end of the article when you publish it offering to put it in tract form if your readers want further copies. If you will furnish the tracts freeof cost to me I will do my end of it free,except the postage,and possibly I could manage that.

Cordially

Wm.M.Carle

Wm M Carle

P.S. I tried to get The W.C.T.U. to put it on sale along with the tract by Hays but they seem unwilling to set forth both sides of the question.

November 14, 1931.

Rev. H. G. Cope,
Sedgwick Memorial Church,
Tatamagouche, N.S., Canada.

Dear Mr. Cope:

I have referred your letter to Dr. Macartney and I think he will send you the information you ask. The sermon is in Dr. Macartney's compilation of greatest sermons through the centuries. I do not know the exact name of the book as it is not at my hand but it is something like that. It is a very valuable book and it will be well if you get it. I hope Dr. Macartney will give you better information.

Yours most sincerely,

NCR*E

November 6, 1931.

Rev. George M. Cummings,
1628 "S" Street, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Cummings:

Thank you so much for your letter which will be printed within two or three weeks. We are crowded all the time for space.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

1628 S St., S. E.,
Washington, D. C., Nov. 4, 1931.

My dear Robinson:

If the enclosed communication addresses itself to your approbation, will you please publish it?

Very cordially yours,
George M. Cumming.